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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

1. JULY 13 ISSUE OF LE MONDE PUBLISHED SMALL ARTICLE AT BOTTOM PAGE 3 REPORTING THAT SONATRACH WAS SUING GENERAL TIRE AND THREE OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES WHICH IT ACCUSED OF HAVING PAID BRIBES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LNG CONTRACT. NO FURTHER DETAILS PUBLISHED, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY LOCAL REACTION. WE ASSUME SUIT IS BEING BROUGHT IN AMERICAN COURT AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE US.

2. I RAISED SUBJECT WITH ABERKANE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY JULY 15 AND ASKED WHERE ALGERIANS STOOD ON OUR PROPOSAL FOR ECOSOC CONVENTION ON SUBJECT. HE SAID MATTER IN HANDS UN AFFAIRS SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT IN GENERAL ALGERIANS POSITIVELY DISPOSED TOWARDS IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON SUBJECT. ALL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR COLOMBO AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE SEE DIRECTOR UN AFFAIRS.

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3. ABERKANE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ME GOA HAS DISCOVERED

THERE WAS PAYOFF IN VOLVO CONTRACT (PRESUMABLY FOR \$35
MILLION WORTH OF TRUCKS SIGNED AUG. 14, 1975). HE GAVE
NO DETAILS, BUT SAID GOA RESOLVED PURSUE SUCH MATTERS
TO THE END. PARKER

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